Title: Need to upgrade Railway Engineering Workshop at Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu and also to open a new suburban rail terminal there.

DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN (ARAKKONAM): Sir, at present, the Railway Engineering Workshop at Arakkonam does not get many job orders and the Workshop is not used to its optimum capacity. To upgrade the Workshop and to enable it to get many job orders, the Workshop may be modified to include mechanical related works also. The workers in the Workshop are required to be given training for this modification. This would not only help Railways to utilise the full capacity of the Workshop but also generate more economic activities and also employment opportunities for the skilled youth.

There is also an urgent need to open suburban Railway Terminal near Arakkonam Bus Stand for the convenience of daily commuters, who run into tens of thousands, since the present Arakkonam Junction, which is the only rail terminal, is located far away from the town.

I, therefore, urge upon the hon. Railway Minister to upgrade Railway Engineering Workshop at Arakkonam and to open a new suburban rail terminal at Arakkonam, both of which are the long-felt needs of the people of my region.